

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Prior to this amendment, claims 1-12 and 14-30 were pending. In this amendment, claims 1-2, 6-8, and 14-16 are amended. Claims 5 and 17 are canceled. Thus, claims 1-4, 6-12, 14-16, and 18-29 are pending.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

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